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Greetings!

I hope you're having a great April! Last month, I had the pleasure of meeting with residents and community members from District 4.

I want to thank those who attended my three town halls. We discussed district accomplishments like expanding constituent outreach, the Unified Development Ordinance, public safety, and the proposed transit referendum. If you were unable to attend, my last town hall at Seckinger High School is available [online for you to watch](#)

Many of you have reached out for updates on the feasibility study of the proposed city of Mulberry and the Board of Commissioners intent to call for a transit referendum.

To keep you informed, I will be sending out updates. If you would like to receive these updates, please email me at [Matthew.Holtkamp@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Matthew.Holtkamp@GwinnettCounty.com).



It's spring which means road work may be underway near you or near areas you are traveling to in Gwinnett. Check the latest transportation projects list by visiting the [Transportation Projects page](#).

From the exciting unveiling of the new Sensory Treehouse at the Environmental Heritage Center to the upcoming Multicultural Festival, Gwinnett County is committed to developing quality resources and programming that support and benefit our community.

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Advanced voting for the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election starts April 29

The General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election Day is on Tuesday, May 21. Registered voters can vote advance in person every day, including weekends, from April 29 to May 17 from 7:00am to 7:00pm at [the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections office in Lawrenceville and nine advance voting locations around the county](#).

Voting by mail is another option available for voters. You can request an absentee by mail ballot for the May 21 election now through Friday, May 10. Please complete the absentee ballot application form online or call the Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 678.226.7210 to request an application. The voter registration deadline for the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election is April 22. To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample

ballot, and find your polling location, visit the [Secretary of State's My Voter Page](#).

## La votación adelantada para las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas comienza el 29 de Abril

El día de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas es el Martes 21 de Mayo. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, del 29 de Abril al 17 de Mayo de 7:00am a 7:00pm en [la oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y nueve lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado](#).

Votar por correo es otra opción disponible para los votantes. Puede solicitar una boleta de voto ausente por correo para las elecciones del 21 de Mayo desde ahora hasta el Viernes 10 de Mayo. Complete el formulario de solicitud de boleta de voto ausente en línea o llame a la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones al 678.226.7210 para solicitar una solicitud. La fecha límite de inscripción de votantes para las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas es el 22 de Abril. Para verificar el estado de su inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación, visite [Mi página de votante de la Secretaría de Estado](#).

## Recycle Used Items for Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day by joining Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett Solid Waste on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. Residents can drop off electronics, clothing, sneakers, latex, oil-based paints, and tires for recycling. Paper shredding is also available. [Learn more information and how you can volunteer](#).



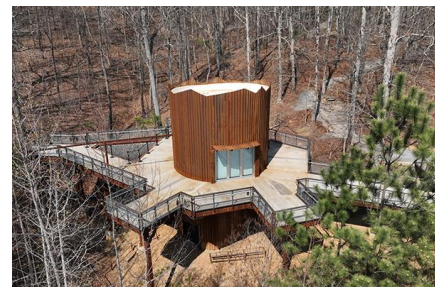
## Multicultural Festival returns May 18

Enjoy a fun-filled day with performances from multiple cultures across the globe, carnival rides, bounce houses, multiple food trucks, and more at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House! Join us on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall for this family-friendly event. For more information, email [PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 678.442.6520.

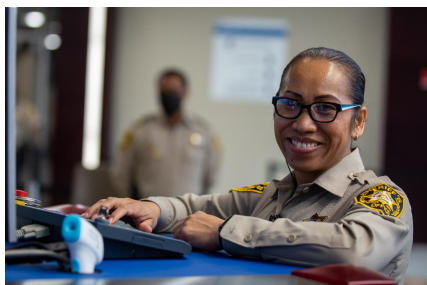
## What's New in District 4

### New Sensory Treehouse opens in Buford

County leaders joined together to open the new Sensory Treehouse at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center in March. Made of weathering Corten steel, this treehouse offers a unique experience for people with mobility disabilities to enjoy the tree canopy. It features a 340-foot accessible steel walkway with three expanded nodes, surrounded by a viewing and activity platform and a high-hanging hammock.



After years of planning, the updated Blue Planet film debuted at the Sensory Treehouse, emphasizing environmental education and sustainability. The \$4.7 million total cost of the treehouse and film projects were funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program, known as SPLOST.



### Join us at the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Job Expo

The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office is hosting a job expo to fill key openings including cooks, Sheriff Processing Associates, jailers, and Deputy Sheriff Seniors.

The event takes place on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office located at 2900 University Parkway in Lawrenceville. Representatives from each division or unit will be available to answer questions and discuss details about openings.

If you're interested, you can [apply online](#) or in person at the event for a chance to interview onsite. Successful candidates may receive a conditional job offer before they leave the event.

### Drop off your expired medication

Gwinnett Police is partnering with the Drug Enforcement

Administration for National Drug Take Back, an initiative that allows residents to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. Residents can drop off tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at police headquarters and any of [our six precincts](#). To learn more, please email [PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com).



## Special Events and Happenings

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](http://GwinnettCountyEvents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

### Game On!

**Friday, April 19 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

Join us for some board game fun! Bring your friends or make new ones while playing your favorite board games. [Register online](#). Ages 7 – 12. Fee is \$2 for Gwinnett residents and \$4 for non-Gwinnett residents. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

### Pet Paw-ty

**Friday, April 26 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm**

Free! Bring your furry and fluffy friends for a soiree in the park with games, contests, and local vendors! [Register online](#). All Ages. J.B. Williams Park, 4935 Five Forks-Trickum Road, Lilburn.

### Chesser-Williams Tours

**Saturday, April 27 from 10:00am to 10:45am**

Free! Step back in time as you explore one of Gwinnett's oldest remaining homes, admired for its original folk arts. [Register online](#). All ages. Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.

### Toddler Treks: Scampering Squirrels

**Tuesday, May 7 from 10:00am to 11:00am**

Free! As we look for signs of squirrels, we'll explore their habitat, homes, and favorite foods. [Register online](#). Ages 1 year and 6 months to 3 years. Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.



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